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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY
WASHINGTON, D.C.

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Senator Charles E. Grassley
Ranking Member
Committee on Finance
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510-6200

Dear Senator Grassley:

On behalf of the Secretary, I am responding to your November 18, 2008 request for records relating to "communications pertaining to the issuance of Notice 2008-83 between Treasury officials, individuals at Wells Fargo, and/or Wachovia Corporation or their representatives." Treasury's Office of the Inspector General ("OIG") is also reviewing the issuance of Notice 2008-83 pursuant to your November 14, 2008 request, and the Department is cooperating fully with that effort.

In coordination with the OIG, the Office of the General Counsel issued a document preservation order requiring that all documents concerning the issuance of Notice 2008-83 be retained. Also in coordination with the OIG, Treasury staff has searched the e-mail accounts and hard copy and computer files in the offices identified by the OIG, as well as any other offices that would be likely to contain materials relevant to this matter. That search did not reveal any communications between Department officials and individuals at Wells Fargo, Wachovia Corporation, or representatives of these institutions, related to the issuance of Notice 2008-83.

If you have any question, please call me at 202-622-0283.

Sincerely,

Robert F. Hoyt
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